

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

LANARK, ILL., DEC. 20:—J. W. Beer just arrived. He has come to remain at least one year; are glad to see him. We are happy.
Z. T. LIVENGOD.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I am just in receipt of a letter from Bro. Bartley Smith, of Mo., who is now attending Medical Lectures at Indianapolis, Ind., who says to me that he will board the train at that place at 11 o'clock today 24th, to this place, Covington, O., thence to Pleasant Hill, where he will preach for the Brethren next week, as there is vacation at College during the holidays.
H. G. ULLERY.

Our Visit to Pony Creek, Kans.

We left home Thursday, Nov. 25, 1886. After a ride of twelve hours on the cars, we arrived at the Pony Creek Church in Brown Co., Kansas. We found the brethren and sisters assembled at the tables loaded with the good things of earth, a real Thanksgiving dinner. Our ride on the cars, had given us an appetite, so that we did real justice to the dinner, but perhaps injustice to ourself.

We preached that night to a good, attentive audience as best we could. Stopped over night with Bro. J. Warner and family and enjoyed their hospitality. Continued our meeting until the following Sunday night a week, making our headquarters at brother Warner's and Jacob Lichty's. On Saturday night, before we closed our meeting, the brethren held a lovefeast and a feast it was indeed. All seemed to enjoy themselves in the service of their Master. And I really felt that it was good to be there, when I saw the sisters and especially those young sisters take their seats at the Lord's table in such complete modesty and angel like appearance, I was made to wander and ask myself the question, are not the angels of heaven hovering round to get a glimpse at the scene? May the Lord ever keep them in the way to eternal joys, at his right hand.

We visited a number of the brethren and sisters, cannot remember all their names, but will give some of them. Bro. John Burnworth, who is their pastor, and, I think, the right man in the right place. And there are Brethren Burkley, D. Lichty, U. Saler, Kimmel and others, God bless them all. I also met Bro. W. J. H. Bauman for the first time in life, but hope it will not be the last. I did not get to hear him preach, but had quite an interesting conversation with him, and hope the Lord will find use for him, for he is a gifted brother. I must not fail to mention old mother Lichty, our esteemed Bro. Jacob Lichty's mother. She still holds her membership with the German Baptist church, and is none the worse for that. She is certainly one of the most saintly and motherly women I ever saw. I hope the Lord will stand by her through her remaining days here on earth, and when they fall, give her full access to the glory world, through him who loved us.

We preached thirteen discourses while at Pony Creek, closing on Sunday night. Bidding the brothers and sisters good by, on

Monday morning Bro. Warner took me to Falls City, there I took the train to Brock, Neb., where I have two daughters living, getting to their place at 3 o'clock p. m., the same day. I found them well. Staid with them until Friday, then came back to Falls City and was conveyed out to the Brethren church some four miles north by Bro. Meshler. Preached that night at the church to an attentive audience, and was to preach Saturday night and Sunday night, but the weather turned out so unfavorable, we did not go to the church. Saturday and Sunday night we lodged with our esteemed Bro. S. C. Stump, and family, where we were kindly treated, the Lord bless them all. Would say in conclusion, if any of the Brethren desire our labors this winter, I am ready to respond to their call if they will foot expenses of travel, and as for my time I will leave that for them to say what it is worth. May God's peace be with all the brothers and sisters in Christ.

One made the good confession and was baptized into Christ, a young sister who was willing to face the inclemency of the weather, it being cold and the ice some 3 or 4 inches thick.

F. A. HENDRICKS.
Jasper, Mo.

Indiana Mission Board.

The Michigan and Indiana Mission Board met at South Bend, Dec. 19th. After a hearing of the difficulties and hindrances to the work, of the encouragements and discouragements, principally of the latter, we "braced up" and passed the following:

WHEREAS, The territory seems too large for immediate, efficient work, and that a desire to use the funds as close where raised as possible universally prevails,

Resolved, That the work be divided to the extent that all funds may be kept and used in or near the territory where it was raised; but that a report of all monies be sent quarterly to the Treas., D. R. Stutsman, Elkhart, Ind. But that one evangelist do all the work (for the present) under the supervision of the Board receipting the Treasurer for all funds recieved by collection or otherwise.

Resolved, That an evangelist be engaged at once or as soon as practical.

Resolved, That Rev. — be tendered the sum of — per day for his services as evangelist subject to countermand.

GUILFORD LESLIE, Sec.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Dec. 14th.—Yesterday being Lord's Day and the day for our regular meeting, our pastor was with us, it being two months since he was here. We were all glad to see him. We are always glad to see and hear him. There were a good many out Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Sunday night it looked a little like rain.

Brother Mason preached us two excellent sermons Sunday. He stayed with us Sunday night; we had a pleasant time. This morning he started for home. We hope to have him with us before long to hold a few meetings. We need lots of good gospel preaching here, as well as in other places. The brethren and sisters are in great

earnest; they seem to have the love of God in their hearts.

As brother Mallott wants me to sign my name in full, I suppose I will, as he has told who I am. We would be pleased to receive a letter from him. I will say for him I still cling to the same seat in church.

W. T. HARRISON.

Adrian, Mo.

DEAR EVANGELIST, thinking that a few items of church news from this place might be of interest to the readers of your columns. I have concluded to report and will first say that brother W. G. McClinton came to our place on the 20th of Nov., and held a ten days meeting, the immediate result of which was three additions by baptism. Others are near the kingdom. May the Lord help them to decide to choose that good part.

All things considered, the Brethren church here is in a prosperous condition.

As our meeting was in progress during Thanksgiving week, we also remembered the College and took up a collection. The result was, we raised \$4.50 for the benefit of the same.

A. SHOWALTER.
Dec. 12th, 1886.

Cambria, Ind.

Dec. 21.—On last Saturday evening and Sabbath morning and evening, brother Ditch met with us at the school house at this place, for the worship of God; and truly we enjoyed a most refreshing season. Brother Ditch gave us three earnest and practical sermons, such sermons as go straight to the hearers' hearts and are calculated to do good, by the blessing of God, and we believe that all present realized the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Good order prevailed and though the school house seems not a very pleasant place after one is accustomed to a church for so long, it is a great deal better than nowhere, or even than dwelling houses would be. However, we trust we may not have it thus for more than a few months at most. The site for our new church has been decided on, more than \$700 have already been subscribed, and work on it is even now commencing. The material for building will be on the ground as nearly as possible this winter, so that with earliest spring the work of erection may begin. Pray for us, brethren and sisters everywhere, that God will bless us as a church, and direct every act, that all may be done to the honor and glory of God. We will have regular services here every four weeks, God willing, until the completion of our church, when we hope for better times. Brother Ditch began a series of meetings at Edna Mills on Monday evening, which will be continued by brother Rittgers, upon his arrival this week.

We never supposed for a moment that our first poor little effort at writing for the EVANGELIST would be a source of puzzle to anyone but we have a most decided objection to appending our name to our articles and had we supposed it would be published would have written under a complete non deplume. We always hope that the merit of what we write may be considered, without any one giving a thought

to the writer and trust that our kind editor will respect our prejudice, now and always, and publish our signature as

IDA M. M.

Dec. 21, 1886.

The College.

As previously stated, last Wednesday evening was "open door" night at the society. Notwithstanding numerous other entertainments this week, and one other that night, the house was packed at an early hour, and the entertainment was pronounced a grand success by all. The meeting opened by an instrumental duet, by Miss Martin and Mr. Leedy; after which Rev. E. L. Hildebrand offered prayer. Next, a quartette, "The old spinning wheel," by Misses Martin and Snyder, Messrs Cordell and Sothoron. Declamations were next in order, Mr. M. G. Shively recited, "Signing the pledge," followed by Miss Orpha Henkel, subject, "Jamie Douglass," both being well rendered and well received. Music, solo "Angel at the gate," by Miss Snyder. The next on the programme was the debate, subject, Resolved, that the printing press has done more towards civilizing humanity than the Missionary; affirmative, M. G. Slocum, Negative E. L. Hildebrand: the subject was well discussed by both parties. Music, duet, "Tired," by Misses Martin and Snider. Next in order was the essay class to which Miss Fannie Miller and Miss Minnie Oakes responded. Subjects, Miss Miller, "Character building," Miss Oakes, "Lead the way." After which, Miss Snyder recited, "Charlie Marcie," followed by an oration, "Labor is genius," by W. L. Cordell: The entertainment concluded with a vocal solo, by Miss Snyder, "Judith." Too much praise cannot be given to any of the participants, all did admirably; thanking the audience for their kind attention we cordially invite you to attend the next meeting.

The students surprised Prof. Perry with a fine hanging lamp and a water set as a Christmas present, Wednesday evening. A number of them strolled down to his residence after society and walked in, all unawares to Prof.; he looked rather shaky for a few moments, but when their mission was made known, the cloud passed off his brow, and a pleasant light shone in his eyes. Although all did not contribute toward the present, we are sure it was through no ill feeling they held toward the Prof., as all the students speak in the highest terms of him. We hope that the new lamp may throw a pleasant light over his entire future.

Miss Moore is a new student this week; the increase is gradual but holds out well. We expect quite a number of additions after the holidays.

Rev. A. A. Cober made us a short visit this week. This was the first time many of us had met him, we believe he was formerly a student of this school, all will be pleased to have him call again.

Miss Orpha Henkel and Miss Minnie Coler, will spend the holidays at home, in Farmersville.

Mr. Markle lectured to the commercial class Wednesday morning, on the subject of "Negotiable paper." His time being limited to forty five minutes of course he could not treat the subject in all its forms, but gave us an insight to the principal points and explained the law of this State regarding that class of currency. Thursday afternoon he talked on Partnership. The class extend many thanks to Mr. Markle for his kindness, as we have been largely benefited by the lectures.

The subject of a week's vacation arose in school this week, and was canvassed in all its forms by both teachers and pupils. A vote was taken Wednesday morning to ascertain the number in favor of vacation; about two-thirds of the school were in favor, the remainder either objected or were "on the fence;" the question was again considered by the faculty, and Thursday morning it was announced in the Chapel that we would have no vacation; but those wishing to go home could do so, but they would be expected to make up their absence. Some of the pupils were considerably out of humor because certain parties did not vote for vacation, and just to accommodate them, now, we have no doubt but what they would like to accommodate the ladies, but they are of the same opinions that Professor is, that it would be doing some one injustice, and we believe in the motto, "Let justice reign though the Heavens fall."

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned are pleased to acknowledge the Merry Christmas

brought them by students of the College. Gifts from students are most appreciated by their teachers. God bless the Students of Ashland College.
BESSIE AND W. C. PERRY.

The Annual.

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Married.

NEDROW-BEACHEL—At the home of the brides parents in Falls City, Neb., by Eld. E. L. Yoder, Miss Katie M. Nedrow to Mr. Emerson Beachel.

Prosperity, W. Va.

Yesterday we followed our dear sister, Delila King, to her last resting place here on earth. Sister King has been afflicted for a long time with something like consumption, but she bore her affliction with patience, stating that she was ready and willing to go to a better world. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss. May the good Lord be with brother Eli and his children in their sad bereavements and may they prepare to go to meet their mother who has gone before. The friends of sister King have the sympathies of the church and people here. She was followed to the grave by a large concourse of relatives and friends. Peace to her ashes.
JOHN SHOWALTER.

Dec. 18.

Doing nothing is doing ill.

All are not friends who speak us fair.

Catch the bear before you sell his skin.

Contentment gives a crown where fortune has denied it.

God never promised to save by miracles those that would not save themselves by means.

A man may transgress as truly by holding his tongue as by speaking unadvisedly with his lips.—C. H. Spurgeon.

The true Christian is like the sun, which pursues his noiseless track, and everywhere leaves the effect of his beams in a blessing upon the world around him.—Luther.

A minister, to be successful, must get rid of all personal ambition; it is a long road for a man to get to the end of himself; but a minister has to do it.—D. L. Moody.

It is the crushed olive that yields the oil, the pressed grape that gives forth the wine, and it was the smitten rock that gave the people water. So it is the broken contrite heart that is most rich in holiness and most fragrant in grace.

Joy is a prize unbought, and is freest, purest in its flow, when it comes unsought. No getting into heaven, as a place, will compass it. You must carry it with you, as the music of a well-ordered soul, the fire of a holy purpose.